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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2, or 3".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert
--claim 4--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "7 or 8,"

12. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of claims 6-] claim
11, characterized in that the sensors also comprises electrodes being
capable of measuring variations in the electric resistance along the
sensor array.